

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: RNA INTERFERENCE USING)
A UNIVERSAL TARGET)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following is being filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Non-Final Office Action mailed November, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on February 22, 2007. A petition for a one month extension of time for the filing of this response is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims

are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments

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